Sale of crude oil to China

2955. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC Videsh has sold its share of one million barrels of crude from the Sudan oilfields to China, if so, the amount generated out of this deal;

(b) the details of other foreign market where the company will sell its share of crude to add to its profits of Rs. 500 to Rs. 1000 crores during the current fiscal; and

(c) the contribution of the company to home oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) ONGC-Nile Ganga B.V., the wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC-Videsh Limited (OVL) has sold one million barrels of crude oil out of its share from the Greater Nile Oil Project (GNOP) in Sudan, to China. The Company has received a revenue of US $ 25.01 million (Rs. 117.55 crore approximately) out of this sale.

(b) OVL can sell its share of crude oil from the Sudan Project in the Far East Asian countries like China and Japan and in the Mediterranean market. The profit that accrues from such sales would depend on the world oil prices prevailing at the time of sale.

(c) So far the company has sold 2.4 million barrels of oil to Indian refineries.

Subsidy on transportation of petrol and kerosene

2956. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to provide Rs. 1700 crores as subsidy for transportation of petrol and kerosene under Public Distribution Scheme in the country's remote areas; and

(b) by when this concession is going to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Government have notified "Freight Subsidy (for far flung areas) Scheme, 2002" effective 1st April 2002. The scheme provides for subsidy on transportation of PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG in far flung areas. The scheme does not cover petrol.

The budgetary provision for the subsidy under the above scheme for 2002-03 and 2003-04 has been Rs. 239.14 crore and Rs. 246 crore respectively.

Rehabilitation scheme to dependants of Kargil martyrs

2957. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have quietly abandoned the scheme of helping widows and dependants of the Kargil martyrs;

(b) if so, whether Government have informed the widows and dependants in this regard;

(c) if so, what was their reaction;

(d) whether any delegation has come and represented the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The Special Scheme for allotment of retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships to widows/next of kin of Defence personnel killed in action in 'Operation Vijay' in Kargil formulated by the Government is still in operation.

Production of crude oil

2958. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been drawn up to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of crude oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and